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As named inventors, **Erich J. Schlosser, Adrian A. Bruno, and Mark Johnson**, we hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**HEAT DISTRIBUTING COOKING GRATE WITH GREASE CONTROL STRUCTURE FOR A BARBECUE GRILL**," the specification of which was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 12, 2003, as U.S. Application No. 10/735,584.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the Claims, as amended by any Amendment referred to above.

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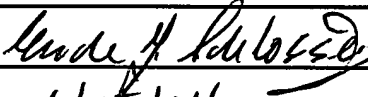
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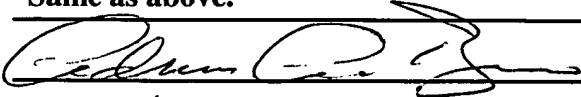
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